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Subject: Re: Draft Agenda for State Environmental and Ag Directors' Meeting- REVIEW and INPUT REQUESTED

Hi Steve, sounds like you are staying busy! Sorry to miss you in Denver, but I will look forward to seeing you in Deadwood.

Shaun

From: Morales, Monica
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2013 11:18:09 AM
To: Pirner, Steve
Cc: McGrath, Shaun; Cantor, Howard
Subject: RE: Draft Agenda for State Environmental and Ag Directors' Meeting - REVIEW and INPUT REQUESTED

Steve,
Sorry to hear you will not be attending this year's State Directors' meeting. I will continue to include you on the agenda emails in case something changes. Good luck.

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Subject: FW: Draft Agenda for State Environmental and Ag Directors' Meeting - REVIEW and INPUT REQUESTED

I wanted to let you know that I do not think anyone from South Dakota DENR will be able to attend your upcoming meeting. Next week we begin a lengthy schedule (see below) of conducting two contested case hearings for the proposed Powertech In Situ Uranium mine in the southwest corner of the state. The Clean Water Alliance put me on their witness list. Yesterday DENR's attorneys objected at the pre-hearing conference in Rapid City and I was hoping the hearing chair would grant our objections. Instead, the hearing chair told the Clean Water Alliance to subpoena me and then both sides can argue about it during the hearing. Therefore, I will likely need to go to Rapid City instead of Denver. However, tell Regional Administrator McGrath I still intend to attend the Western States Water Council meeting in Deadwood next month. I understand he is planning to attend to, so will see him there. Thanks for the invitation to attend the meeting and your help.

From DENR's website:

Powertech (USA), Inc. - Environmental Permits Hearings Schedule

The Board of Minerals and Environment is the permit issuing authority for the large-scale mine permit. The Water Management Board is the permit issuing authority for the state water rights and ground water discharge plan.

Due to the public interest, both boards have scheduled the contested case hearings on the Powertech permit applications to be held in Rapid City to make it easier for citizens who live West River to attend.

The contested case hearings are scheduled as follows:

September 23-26, 10 a.m. MDT start the first day, large-scale mine permit hearing before the Board of Minerals and Environment at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center in Rapid City

September 27, start time to be determined, large-scale mine permit hearing before the Board of Minerals and Environment at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, Alpine Ponderosa Room, in Rapid City

October 7-11, 8:30 a.m. MDT start the first day, water right permits and ground water discharge plan hearing before the Water Management Board at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center in Rapid City

October 28 to November 1, Water Management Board will reconvene at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center in Rapid City, if needed

November 11-14, Board of Minerals and Environment will reconvene at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center in Rapid City, if needed

November 15, Board of Minerals and Environment will reconvene at the Hilton Garden Inn in Rapid City, if needed

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Hi –

Just a reminder that we are asking for your review of and input on the draft State Environmental and Ag Directors' meeting agenda (see email below) by COB, this Tuesday, August 20th.

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Good Afternoon,

It is time for us to start planning the agenda for the State Environmental and Ag Directors/EPA Meeting, which will be happening on September 26th (all day) and September 27th (morning only). Please review the draft agenda below and send me any comments/revisions you may have **by COB, Tuesday, August 20th**.

Our goal for the meeting is to have less topics, but instead have topics that require discussion and a specific outcome(s). As you review the agenda, please also identify in your response outcomes you would like for each partnership area.

Draft Agenda

1. Budget

- State/EPA program priorities.
- Where are State/EPA programs making the most difference to human health and environmental protection?
- Are there projects that we could workshare?
- Have the States and EPA identified any work areas that they have made more efficient or they are currently analyzing for better efficiency?

2. Developing State and EPA Partnerships (Including Other Federal Agencies, Tribes, and Locals if Applicable)

- Building on State/EPA experiences/learnings regarding energy development and how do we partner to do better
North Dakota and Colorado lead the discussion??
(Martha and Dave – are you willing to lead this discussion?)
(outcome =)
- Agriculture Certainty Program – Some states are developing a certainty program to be able to certify Ag projects/business' as good environmental stewards.
Utah to present its Agriculture Certificate of Environment Stewardship (ACES).
(outcome =)
- President's Climate Action Plan: How do we partner to curb GHG emissions across the oil and gas, landfill, coal mine, and agriculture sectors? What role would Region 8 states like to have in the development of guidelines to regulate existing power plants?
(outcome =)
- Drought Resiliency – What are states doing? State and federal roles in the partnership to build drought resilience.
(outcome =)

3. Speakers - Roger Pulwarty (Director, National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS)) and Joel Scheraga (Administrator's Advisor on Climate Change)

Thanks.

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